

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
INFORMATION REPORT

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

SECRET/U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| COUNTRY | Hungary/USSR | REPORT | |
| SUBJECT | Shortages of Bauxite and Pyrite Ores | DATE DISTR. | 5 October 1954 |
| DATE OF INFO. | | NO. OF PAGES | 1 |
| PLACE ACQUIRED | | REQUIREMENT NO. | RD 25X1 |
| | | REFERENCES | |

This is UNEVALUATED Information

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
 THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
 (FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

1. There is a serious shortage of bauxite ore for loading on downriver barges at the river port of Komárom, Hungary. Upriver barges are loaded with Russian and Bulgarian pyrite ore which is unloaded at Komarno, Czechoslovakia. The empty barges are then shunted to Komárom, Hungary to be loaded with bauxite. Recently, because of the ore shortage, many barges go downriver empty and those which are loaded at Komárom usually must wait a considerable length of time for ore. 25X1
2. [redacted] the reason for the current shortage of bauxite ore in Hungary is as follows: For the past two or three years the Hungarian authorities in charge of mines have been exclusively interested in meeting the heavy demands for ore as called for in the yearly plans. Consequently they have neglected to carry out the most elementary safety measures. Working in the mines has now become so dangerous that the mining authorities were forced to go back and prepare all of the necessary shoring and overhead beaming before mining can be resumed. 25X1
3. The Soviet DDSG vessel VLADIVOSTOK was held up at the Russian port of Rens ten or more days because of a shortage of pyrite ore for loading on upriver barges. The reason for the existing shortage is not known, but it is general knowledge at the Soviet DDSG that there has been far less ore shipped upriver from the Soviet Union so far in 1954 than for the same period during the previous year. It is not unusual these days for barges to be held up at Rens or Izmail in the Soviet Union while waiting for incoming shipments of pyrite ore. 25X1

SECRET/U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

25X1

25X1

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|------|---|------|---|-----|---|-----|--|-----|--|
| STATE | X | ARMY | X | NAVY | X | AIR | X | FBI | | AEC | |
|-------|---|------|---|------|---|-----|---|-----|--|-----|--|

(NOTE: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution by "#".)